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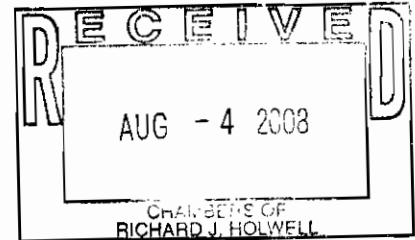
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The Honorable Richard J. Holwell
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Rm. 1950
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Jose Dones
08 Civ. 926 (RJH)
04 Cr. 118 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

By order dated April 21, 2008, the Court directed the Government to respond to petitioner Jose Dones's motion for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 by June 20, 2008. As the Assistant U.S. Attorney responsible for the Government's response, I inadvertently failed to respond within the required time or to request a timely extension. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests an extension, nunc pro tunc, of its time to respond to Dones's habeas petition from June 20, 2008 until August 25, 2008.

I apologize for my oversight and thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED

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